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In re the Application of: KATO, et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 9, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004 for one month, from July 8 to August 8, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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